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SCHOOL REPORT.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

M. M. GEORGE, Prudential Committee. Miss EMMA J. ROBERTSON, teacher both terms.

Miss Robertson has been employed in this same room for a series of years with increasing success, possessing a peculiar gift to see where the little minds need help and very quickly aid them. It was a pleasure to witness forty scholars so well employed, so animated in *study* and *reciting*. She did what she could in having them become good readers, and *thorough* in all the lessons. Perhaps more strictness would add to her usefulness.

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

Miss EMMA J. NAHOR, teacher, both terms, and now closes her third year in this department. She has energy, works with all her strength and aids each one. When classes are not reciting how many hands are up and soon she has a word for all. The committee urged the pupils to find out all they could themselves and thus be greater gainers. He also asked the school to pursue that course of *self respect* that they might review the term with *satisfaction* through life. It is possible and desirable for youth to have a high standard and strive to obtain it. Besides, improving the evenings in study might add one third to their success.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

GEORGE E. COLBY, Prudential Committee. Miss NELLIE M. BURNHAM who has been a good scholar in our grammar school was employed as teacher—her first effort. The committee was hopeful for her success, but at the end of her third week she fell and was so injured that she could not return to her work. In the Fall Miss Leona Cheney taught seven weeks. The progress was all that could be expected. In the various studies the scholars did well for the length of time. The school-house here should be repaired or rebuilt.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

A portion of this district in Greenfield. L. C. ROGERS, Prudential Committee. Miss MARY J. MANAHAN, teacher, who taught here last season and showed herself familiar with her work. The number of scholars, only seven, not enough to call out the highest enthusiasm. This was closing the money of last year, the tax of 1881 is not expended.

Parents have a vast responsibility to know that their children are at school and *not absent* or *tardy*. By neglect here and in other ways wrong habits are formed that follow through life. School-time is worth more than money. Five minutes *lost*—five cents *lost*—a [half a day or a day *lost*. Absent scholars harm themselves, and in fact harm the whole school. May not parents and others *unite* with them to improve the schools so that the youth may gain much knowledge for the duties and business of life. The wisest course should be taken to gain the highest good for the money raised, then you need not send your children so much to schools out of town.

In the report of 1877 I see the money for this district was \$605 61. Youth is the seed-time of life. Let good seed be sown. Let all seek to secure the hundred fold.

ROLL OF HONOR.

| | 1st term. | 2nd term. | | 1st term. | 2nd term. |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Grace E. Wilson, | " | | Adams Burt, | " | " |
| Lottie Balch, | " | " | John M. Eaton, | " | " |
| Lillie Lawrence, | " | | Eddie S. Hood, | " | |
| Effie Ross, | " | | Addie H. Hood, | " | |
| George Gray, | | " | Freddie Knight, | " | |
| Charles Gray, | | " | Freddie Richardson, | " | |
| Hattie Kimball, | " | " | George E. Smith, | " | " |
| Georgie Knight, | | " | Clintie M. Carlin, | " | " |
| Scottie Knight, | | " | Mabel Dickey, | " | " |
| Florence Twitchell, | | " | Mabel Richardson, | " | |
| Bertha Twitchell, | | " | Mary Welsh, | " | |

AMOUNT OF SCHOOL MONEY IN EACH DISTRICT.

| | | | |
|-----------------|----------|-----------------------------|----------|
| District No. 1, | \$401 34 | District No. 3, | \$ 18 84 |
| " " 2, | 58 57 | This has not been expended. | |

JAMES HOLMES,

Superintending School Committee.

Bennington, March 4th, 1882.

FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1882.

The Selectmen to the town,

DR.

| | |
|---|----------------------|
| To taxes uncollected on H. J. Burt's list of 1880, | \$ 795 88 |
| William Eaton's list of 1881, | 3,410 56- \$4,206 44 |

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|---|-------------------|
| By paying Wm. Eaton, town treasurer, from Burt's list of 1880, | \$ 536 09 |
| Abatement on Burt's list of 1880, | 58 08 |
| By paying from Wm. Eaton's list of 1881, | 3,056 04 |
| Abatement on Wm. Eaton's list of 1881, | 34 32 |
| Taxes uncollected on Eaton's list of 1881, | 320 20 |
| Errors on last years settlement on Burt's list of 1880, | 73 96 |
| Taxes uncollected on Burt's list 1880, | 106 05 |
| Paid Henry Burt of collecting on list 1880, | 31 70- \$4,206 44 |

William Eaton, Treasurer to the town,

DR.

| | |
|---|----------|
| To money from John D. Butler on highway tax, | \$ 11 65 |
| Money from the county, | 82 00 |
| From James E. Favor for plank, | 1 08 |

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|---------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Of Royal Knight for use of Town Hall, | 40 75 | |
| Of John Muzzey for use of hearse, | 1 00 | |
| From the State, Railroad tax, | 22 89 | |
| Savings Bank tax, | 496 57 | |
| Literary fund, | 40 85 | |
| To tax list of 1881, | 3,410 56 | |
| Of John D. Griswold for burial plat, | 5 00 | |
| Of Orville A. Willson, | 4 00 | |
| Of Wesley Wilson, for rope and paint, | 1 25 | |
| To paint of the town, | 75 | |
| From Henry Burt's list of 1880, | 536 09- | \$4,654 44 |

William Eaton,

CR.

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| By paying County tax, | \$ 381 43 | |
| State tax, | 500 00 | |
| Non-resident highway receipts, | 100 94- | \$982 37 |

SCHOOL ORDERS.

| | | |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|
| District No. 1, M. M. George, | \$401 34 | |
| “ “ 2, George E. Colby, | 55 21 | |
| “ “ 3, Not called for, | - | \$456 55 |

SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

| | | |
|---|----------|----------|
| By paying George B. Paige for the support of Mrs. Matilda Paige, | \$ 83 00 | |
| John Muzzey, lodging tramps, | 2 25- | \$ 85 26 |

ROADS AND BRIDGES, (in addition to highway tax.)

| | |
|--------------------|----------|
| Wesley Wilson, | \$ 14 25 |
| William H. Darrah, | 3 00 |
| John C. Dodge, | 1 50 |
| George W. Burns, | 3 60 |
| John L. King, | 3 88 |
| John Flagg, | 4 50 |
| Lewis A. Knights, | 1 25 |
| J. E. King, | 95 63 |
| Royal V. Knights, | 6 50 |
| Horace Rogers, | 5 00 |

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| Horace Rogers, | \$ 3 50 | |
| James M. Quimby, | 3 00 | |
| A. W. Eaton, | 1 50 | |
| F. M. Hills, | 1 50 | |
| William L. Taylor, | 11 32 | |
| James Pond, | 3 60 | |
| Benj. D. Felch, | 4 95 | |
| Charles Balch, | 6 35 | |
| George S. Holt, | 2 25 | |
| Bradford L. Brown, | 7 20 | |
| Nathaniel E. Dickey, | 1 50- | \$185 78 |

BREAKING ROADS.

| | | |
|--------------------|---------|----------|
| James Foote, | \$ 1 65 | |
| Robert R. Wilson, | 1 50 | |
| Elbridge Wilson, | 1 95 | |
| Willard S. Carkin, | 9 50 | |
| Horace Rogers, | 4 95 | |
| James M. Quimby, | 1 00 | |
| Charles Balch, | 4 05 | |
| Benj. D. Felch, | 2 00 | |
| “ “ | 4 95 | |
| James Foote, | 1 80 | |
| Royal V. Knights, | 90 | |
| E. H. Ward, | 52 | |
| F. B. Gould, | 1 80 | |
| Warren Gillis, | 3 30 | |
| A. W. Stevens, | 52 | |
| James N. Quimby, | 8 30 | |
| C. B. Woodbridge, | 2 62 | |
| David Roach, | 5 16 | |
| C. B. Woodbridge, | 5 55 | |
| Levi Colby, | 13 20 | |
| Frances J. Newton, | 8 90 | |
| Alfred Rogers, | 1 00 | |
| Moses H. Newton, | 1 80 | |
| George E. Colby, | 5 00 | |
| Wesley Wilson, | 2 52 | |
| John C. Dodge, | 11 30 | |
| William H. Darrah, | 5 10 | |
| A. R. Hood, | 18 00 | |
| John W. Flagg, | 7 20 | |
| John D. Butler, | 2 00- | \$138 04 |

MONEY PAID TOWN OFFICERS.

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|-----------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Benj. D. Felch, supervisor, | \$ 4 00 | |
| Frank B. Gould, Supervisor, | 4 00 | |
| Edward Dodge, Supervisor, | 4 00 | |
| John Muzzey, services as sexton, | 5 00 | |
| M. M. George, town clerk, | 15 00 | |
| Wesley Wilson, overseer of poor, | 3 00 | |
| Wesley Wilson, 1st selectman, | 46 80 | |
| William H. Darrah, 2nd selectman, | 30 56 | |
| John C. Dodge, | 28 50 | |
| William Eaton, treasurer, | 15 00 | |
| William Eaton, tax collector, | 50 00 | |
| John H. Fleming, auditor, | 2 00 | |
| Hartwell Lakin, “ | 2 00 | |
| James Holmes, S. S. Committee. | 16 00- | \$225 86 |

NOTES AND INTEREST PAID.

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|---------------------------------|----------|----------|
| C. S. A. Hodgkins, | \$ 50 00 | |
| Rachel Wilson, | 150 00 | |
| G. A. Whittemore, society note, | 12 00 | |
| John W. Flagg, interest, | 100 00 | |
| Doreas P. Flagg, interest, | 56 76- | \$368 76 |

MISCELLANEOUS TOWN EXPENSES.

| | | |
|---|----------|--|
| Lewis A. Knights, overtax 1880, | \$ 15 50 | |
| “ “ work on road, | 2 50 | |
| Wm. Eaton, to due on settlement of 1881, | 22 13 | |
| A. & G. A. Whittemore, rent of engine house 1880, | 12 00 | |
| F. A. Thompson, printing reports, | 15 10 | |
| E. C. Eastman, books and paper, | 2 46 | |
| George Thompson, for sheep killed by dogs 1880, | 4 00 | |
| Freight on paint for Town house, | 4 13 | |
| F. A. Thompson, for printing, | 50 | |
| Bill of paint for Town hall, | 73 80 | |
| Channacey White, painting Town house. | 65 75 | |
| “ “ gilding eagle, | 10 00 | |
| Gilman Foote, for painting Town house, | 23 62 | |
| Carrie Whitney, services as librarian, | 7 00 | |
| Hannah Parker, “ “ | 2 50 | |
| S. Forsaith, stove funnel for Town hall, | 14 80 | |

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| Gilman Foote, work on Town hall, | \$ 2 50 | |
| Frank G. Clark, insurance on Town hall, | 45 00 | |
| Frank G. Clark, insurance on School house, | 45 00 | |
| D. H. Goodell, work on road, | 1 50 | |
| C. E. Eaton, rope and nails, | 2 44 | |
| Wm. Taylor, watering trough, | 3 00 | |
| Benj. D. Felch, " " | 3 00 | |
| Moses H. Newton, " " | 3 00 | |
| Royal V. Knight, janitor of Town hall, | 15 00 | |
| " " expense of Town hall, | 11 79 | |
| G. Alfred Whittemore, rent of engine house. | 12 00 | |
| M. A. Dodge, services as librarian, | 16 50 | |
| W. E. Downes, spikes, oil and paint, | 5 51 | |
| William Eaton, express on money, | 25 | |
| Services of engine men, | 84 00 | |
| Wesley Wilson, work and material furnished for School house, | 3 77- | \$529 95 |

RECAPITULATION.

Money and receipts into the treasurer's hands
from March 1st, 1881 to March 1st,
1882, \$4,654 44

Credit by paying the following sums :

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|---|----------|------------|
| State tax, | \$500 00 | |
| County tax, | 381 43 | |
| School orders, | 456 55 | |
| Support of paupers, | 85 25 | |
| Roads and bridges, (in addition to high- way tax,) | 185 78 | |
| Breaking roads, | 138 04 | |
| Miscellaneous town expenses, | 529 95 | |
| Money paid town officers, | 225 86 | |
| Non-resident highway receipts, | 100 94 | |
| Notes and interest paid, | 368 76- | \$2,972 56 |
| Ballance in treasury, | | \$1,361 68 |

Taxes abated on Burt's list of 1880.

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| Sarah West, house and land, | \$ 2 90 |
| George J. Whittemore, overtax, | 3 60 |
| Charles King, poll'tax paid in Lyndeboro', | 1 45 |
| Horace Rogers, by a vote of the town, | 38 96 |

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| E. Flanders, on cow and error, | \$ 1 17- | \$48 08 |
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William Eaton's list of 1881.

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|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Lucy Burt, overtax, | \$ 1 50 | |
| Ruth B. Kimball, overtax, | 1 50 | |
| George J. Whittemore, overtax. | 1 75 | |
| G. A. Fleming, one poll | 1 50 | |
| Peterboro' & Hillsboro' railroad, | 7 00 | |
| Emily Whittemore, overtax, | 1 50 | |
| Benjamin Bullard, on dog, | 1 00 | |
| Sarah West, on house and land, | 3 00 | |
| James Holmes, error on tax, | 15 57- | \$34 32 |

TOWN LIABILITIES.

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| Isaac Proctor, Feb. 19th, 1877, | \$ 102 12 | |
| Wesley Wilson, Feb. 22nd. 1878, | 158 23 | |
| Mrs. J. A. Whittemore, Jan. 24th, 1880, | 797 11 | |
| Betsey Burt, March 1st, 1880, | 357 79 | |
| William Eaton, March 1st, 1880, | 982 82 | |
| Rachel Wilson, March 1st, 1880, | 198 52 | |
| William Eaton, March 1st, 1881, | 215 00 | |
| C. S. A. Hodgkins, March 1st, 1882, | 130 78 | |
| John W. Flagg, March 1st, 1882, | 1,900 00 | |
| Dorcas P. Flagg, March 1st, 1882, | 1,600 00 | |
| Alfred Rogers, March 1st, 1882, | 709 24 | |
| John Dodge, Congregational note given Feb. 6th, 1876, | 200 00- | \$7,338 51 |

Against the indebtedness we have the following assets :

| | | |
|---|-------------|------------|
| Uncollected taxes on Burt's list of 1880, | \$106 05 | |
| On Wm. Eaton's list of 1881, | 320 20 | |
| S. A. Walker's note, | 47 31 | |
| School District No. 1, painting and insur- ance on school house, | 107 36 | |
| Money in treasurer's hands, | \$1,361 68- | \$1,942 60 |

We have examined the above report of the selectmen and treasurer and find it accurately cast and properly vouched.

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| JOHN H. FLEMING, | } Auditors, |
| HARTWELL LAKIN, | |

TOWN LIBRARY.

Your committee are pleased to report your Library in good condition, and the record book shows that the same interest has been taken the past year as heretofore, as the patronage has in no way diminished. We would gratefully acknowledge the receipt of Books, the gifts of Mr. John H. Fleming, two volumes; also Mrs. Abby M. Whittemore, eighteen volumes. To the contributors of these books the committee, in behalf of all interested, return their thanks.

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| C. H. KIMBALL, | } Library Com. |
| A. B. LAWRENCE, | |
| JOHN F. DODGE, | |

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dr.

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|---|----------|---------|
| March 1st, cash on hand as per town report, | | |
| 1881, | \$ 61 01 | |
| March 7th, collected one charge of ex. | 25 | |
| " 16th, Recd. of Mrs. Lucy Burt for book, | 1 17 | |
| Feb. 20, '82, recd. of librarian for catalogues | | |
| and fines, | 8 03- | \$70 46 |

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| 1881. | | |
| March 9th, paid Lee & Shepard for books, | \$53 09 | |
| " " " A. B. Lawrence for postage, | 24 | |
| " 12th " Ex. Co., ex. on books, | 70 | |
| " " " for alphabetical record book, | 50 | |
| " 16th, " " Gum Tragacanth, | 10 | |
| " 23d, " prin'g supplem'ts to catalogues, | 2 50 | |
| " 24th, for check and postage for cat- | | |
| alogues, | 13 | |
| Apr. 1st, cash paid for History of Antrim, | 3 65 | |
| Amt. of cash in treasurer's hands, | \$9 55- | \$70 46 |

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. DODGE, Treasurer.

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The committee report in the hands of the librarian 84 cts., and has been paid for oil, etc., 31 cts. money recd. from sales of catalogues and fines.

C. H. KIMBALL,
A. B. LAWRENCE, } Library Com.
J. F. DODGE,

REPORT OF THE SEXTON OF THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON TO FEB. 26, 1882.

| NAMES. | AGE. | DIED. | DISEASE. | PLACE OF INTERMENT. |
|--------------------|----------|---------|---------------|---------------------|
| | y. m. d. | | | |
| | | 1881 | | |
| Mary A. Bullard, | 18 | Apr. 15 | Inflamation | Antrim. |
| Amos Whittemore, | 79 | " 18 | Pneumonia. | Bennington |
| Henrietta Walker, | 78 10 | " 28 | Consumpt'n | " |
| | | | Cholera | |
| Marden N. Marsh, | 10 | July 10 | Infantum, | " |
| Nancy Colby, | 72 | " 22 | | Antrim, |
| Lewis Martin, | 74 | Aug. 6 | Bright's Dis. | Bennington. |
| Nancy J. Dickey, | 77 | " 11 | Paralysis. | Greenfield. |
| Orinda D. Fleming, | 59 3 | " 23 | Apoplexy. | Bennington. |
| | | 1882 | | |
| John Hines, | 62 | Feb. 25 | Erysipelas | " |

JOHN MUZZEY, Sexton.

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